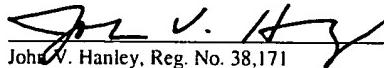




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This paper is responsive to the June 9, 2003 Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request and subsequent to the filing of a Request to Rescind Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii) on May 23, 2003.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii) which was due to be filed on April 7, 2003, forty-five days after the filing of a foreign application in respect of the present matter.

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The entire delay in filing the required Request until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)/(f) was unintentional. The requested fee for this Petition is filed herewith. However, authorization is hereby provided to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 any additional fees that may be due in connection with this filing. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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